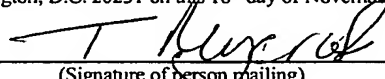




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REQUEST FOR REFUND OF RCE FEE

Sir:

In response to the October 29, 2003 official Notice of Improper Request for Continued Examination (RCE), applicants hereby request a refund of the RCE fee.

The \$770.00 RCE fee was charged to applicants' deposit account and the Request for RCE was not entered. Therefore, the RCE fee should be refunded. Please credit the \$770.00 RCE fee to our Deposit Account No. 16-1445.

Applicants have concurrently filed a petition for one additional month extension of time and a Notice of Appeal.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of the present Request. However, if any fees are required, the Examiner is authorized to charge any such fees to our Deposit Account No. 16-1445.

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